(d) if so, the action Government intend to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) Government has been periodically reminding the Chief Justices of High Courts and the Chief Justice of India to initiate proposals for filling up all vacant posts of judges.

(b) As on 1.8.2001, the vacancy position in respect of Judges in Supreme Court of India and in the High Courts was as follows:

(i)	High Courts	:	177
(ii)	Supreme Court	:	2

(c) and (d) Filling up of vacancies in the High Courts is a consultative process among the Constitutional authorities. While every effort is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously,vacancies do keep arising on account of retirement, resignation orelevation of Judges. Government has been requesting Chief Justices and the Chief Ministers of the States from time to time, to initiate proposals for filling up the vacancies of Judges in the High Courts.

Demarcation of Legislative Assembly Seats in Uttaranchal

†1612. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state by when and in which manner the demarcation of Legislative Assembly seats will be done in newly created State of Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): The delimitation of Assembly constituencies in the State of Uttaranchal is to be done by the Election Commission of India in the manner prescribed in section 22 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000. According to the Election Commission of India, the task of delimitation of constituencies in the State of Uttaranchal is likely to be completed before the end of this year

Monitoring of Fast Track Courts

1613. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts established in the Country, State-wise;

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